

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 11 January 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230006460

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show award of his Army Achievement Medal.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 2 March 2023
- DA Form 4980-14 (Army Achievement Medal Certificate), 1 September 1988
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 2 December 1988

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant states that on 1 September 1988, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and requests that it be added to his DD Form 214.
3. On 5 May 1987, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army.
4. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in item 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns) –
  - Army Service Ribbon
  - Overseas Service Ribbon
  - Army Good Conduct Medal
  - Air Assault Badge
  - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
5. The applicant provided DA Form 4980-19, which shows, in part, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement while assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort

Campbell, KY during the recent battalion standardized external evaluation conducted from 23 May 1988 to 27 May 1988.

6. On 2 December 1988, he was honorably discharged from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 6 months and 28 days of active service and was awarded or authorized:

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Air Assault Badge

7. His record is void of orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.

2. Although orders announcing award if the Army Achievement Medal are not available, the Board found the Army Achievement Medal Certificate provided by the applicant sufficient evidence to confirm he received this medal. The Board determined the Army Achievement Medal should be added to his DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by adding the Army Achievement Medal to his DD Form 214.

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CHAIRPERSON

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Army Achievement Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who while serving in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

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